

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
October 24, 2014

**Dates to Remember:**

October 25, 2014

Fall Festival – Sugar Festival Field

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- We have recently received calls regarding changes to two of our local gas stations. The Valero station, located at 101 North Berner Road has discussed changing to Mobil and the Hess station, located at 433 East Sugarland Hwy., changing to Speedway. We are waiting for their site plans and sign application paperwork to arrive.
- Four of the Planning & Zoning members have been reappointed by the City Commission for two more years. They are: Lewell Hughes, Haitham Kaki, Donnie Hughes, Vic McCorvey. Michael Atkinson makes the fifth member.
- With October being Fire Safety Month, the Fire Marshal has been busy promoting fire prevention at the local elementary schools. Eastside and Westside have had their “community helper” day. There are also scheduled tours of the firehouse for preschool kids and the fire department has been reaching out to home school mothers so those kids can be educated on fire safety as well.



**Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:**

- Staff sprayed greens with fertilizer, fungicide, and insecticide.
- Staff verti cut the greens and applied a granular application of fertilizer.
- The edging of all bunkers has been completed.
- Spot spraying continues for weed control.
- THANK YOU to the electric crew for trimming of trees around country club and pro shop. They look great.
- The golf course will be hosting the Red Ribbon Golf Tournament this weekend. This is a fund raiser for Seminoles in recovery. Please call the pro shop to sign up or for more information.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- The Family Literacy Program is still happening everyday Monday through Thursday. The children love the Lexia reading program, which was donated to us, so much we are having trouble getting them out the lab.
- We are now ready for the Microsoft IT Academy. The start date will be announced by next week hopefully.
- Our children from two daycares and preschools are having a great time. They come in for the story time program and also to do the Lexia learning program. Now, 43 preschoolers are signed up. We are exploring software for teaching the three year olds computer literacy.
- Our ESL class began this week with in attendance. We are very excited! We are using the Crossroads Café materials with them and special software that will teach them how to pronounce words. They all seem to love it so far.
- Look out for Leap Pad3 for loan at your library

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- On Monday evening, a strong armed robbery occurred shortly after the victim left the Utilities Building. As he crossed the street, another man approached him from behind and physically and forcefully removed money from the elderly man's pockets. Police Department K-9 was deployed and was quickly able to track and arrest the suspect (Javier Crespo) who was identified by the victim.
- We will have a couple of extra officers out Saturday evening to monitor activity and keep an eye on parked vehicles around the City park for Fall Festival.
- Extra officers were scheduled to be out patrolling during the overnight scheduled power outage.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activities:

<b>1228</b>	Commercial / Residential Security Checks
<b>604</b>	Complaints Investigated
<b>12</b>	Arrests Made
<b>21</b>	Traffic Citations Issued
<b>29</b>	Traffic Warnings Issued
<b>4</b>	City Ordinance Violations
<b>7</b>	Shopping Carts Removed
<b>36</b>	Improperly Placed Signs Removed/Moved
<b>66</b>	Merchant Escorts

<b>11</b>	<b>Alarms Responded To</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Traffic Accidents Investigated</b>

#### **Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control: Mosquito trap counts have been relatively low. The next scheduled spray: Ground Truck ULV – October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff has been preparing to burn several piles pushed up a year ago when we cleared the area under some power lines west of the Operations Complex. (2) The street sweeper has been running some extra duty this week as we are seeing more silt & debris brought about by the change in season.
- 2015 Paving project: The contractor called this week and is ready to start paving within the next three weeks.
- Lake Okeechobee Signage: Public Works Director Scheffler got an e-mail from the FDOT this week letting him know the signage for Lake Okeechobee & Scenic Trail was ordered. The new signs will be 12 feet wide and 5 feet tall with boat Ramp, Fishing & picnic symbols under it. This will be a “huge” improvement to directing visitors to our Lake. The sign is expected to be installed within 4 to 6 months.

#### **Recreation Director Ramer reports:**

- The Senior Citizens Building “Grand Re-Opening” went over very well Tuesday morning and the Chamber Social later that evening was very well received! Thank you to all those that helped with the process and especially USSC for the donation that made this possible!
- John Boy Auditorium Northside A/C air handler was installed last week and the condensing unit was put in earlier this week. A pressure test will be conducted by the end of the week and then an inspection of the work will take place, and hopefully get an approval.
- The building at Sikes Park and the screened-in porch was pressure washed and the gutter cleaned this week. The Utilities Crew extended a hand and trimmed the trees from hanging over the roof and trimmed up the rest of the trees inside the park as well as the big Banyan Tree in the Sugar Fest Field. Thanks guys, it looks GREAT and we appreciate the help.
- Clewiston Recreation is excited to offer ZUMBA at the Youth Center on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. Contact Tanya (our Certified Instructor) directly at (914)338-6577 for more information or contact Joanna at the Youth Center 983-1492.
- The “Battle of the Unbeaten” will take place Friday Night at Cane Field as the CHS Tigers play host to Glades Day School Gators at 7:30 p.m. Come out and support the Tigers on WINK TV’s “Game of the Week”
- The Clewiston Recreation Department staff are putting the final plans together for the 2014 “Kid’s Fall Festival” scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Sugar Festival Field. Contact Joanna at the Youth Center 983-1492 if you are interested in participating and having a booth.
- Go to [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- Repairs to the substation were completed and power restored within the allotted time for the planned power outage.
- The Electric Crew assisted with repairs to the football field lights and made numerous street light repairs. They also trimmed trees at Sikes Park and the Country Club.
- The Water/Sewer Crew changed out 2 lift station pumps in Harlem and one in town. They also repaired several water breaks and jetted a sewer line at the High School.
- An electrical panel was installed at the Wastewater Plant for sump pumps by the Water/Sewer Crew.
- The Water/Sewer crew will be flushing hydrants Saturday, October 25 and Sunday, October 26.
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov). You may update your information at anytime through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.
- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE! You can register your account by visiting our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) and click on the link at the bottom of the page or by going to <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl>. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. You can also review your account activity, consumption history and request certain work orders.